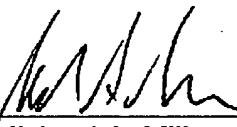


REMARKS

In the instant application, claims 10 and 11 have been cancelled. Claims 1-9 are now pending in the application. Claims 1-9 have been indicated in the Office Action as being allowed. Claims 10 and 11 stand rejected and are hereby cancelled rendering the outstanding rejection moot.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that pending Claims 1-9 are in condition for allowance and notice to such effect is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this application, the Examiner is invited to initiate a telephone conference with the undersigned.

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